5014 - CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN II

NATURE OF WORK

This is advanced specialized technical work in latent fingerprint examination and identification, classification, comparison, and filing of fingerprint identification materials, and the identification and documentation of physical evidence at crime and accident scenes. Work involves responsibility for the maintenance and identification of criminal evidential records and latent fingerprint evidence. Work is more specialized than the Technician I level due to the expertise and certification required in the comparison, examination, and identifying of latent fingerprints and palm prints. Work may be performed on an assigned shift and is utilized as part of the investigation and prosecution work of the Criminal Investigations Division of the City's Police Department.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Develops and maintains a latent fingerprint file; keeps file on single and partial fingerprints found at crime scenes, for possible future identification.

Maintains a palm print and juvenile fingerprint file.

Develops, evaluates, compares, identifies and prepares latent fingerprints for court exhibits, and may testify in courts of law as a qualified expert witness.

May provide latent identification services for other municipalities, county, state and federal agencies.

Utilizes computer for search of latent prints generated from open criminal cases, in an attempt to identify criminals; provides minor maintenance and updating of computer system.

Classifies fingerprints and records classifications according to standard classification codes; searches files to find specific prints or make comparisons.

Visits crime scenes and accidents in order to compile evidence by fingerprinting, photographing, plaster casting, and/or by other methods of police identification.

Furnishes technical assistance to Police and Identification personnel in the classification, identification, and comparison of fingerprints and other identification procedures.

Performs a variety of ID procedures and operates related special equipment.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of modern principles and methods used in the technology of fingerprint identification.

Considerable knowledge of standard fingerprint classification methods, practices, records and equipment.

Considerable knowledge of the techniques used in lifting, photographing, and preserving latent fingerprints.

Considerable knowledge of the methods and procedures of investigation and search for physical evidence, and of the rules of evidence as related to fingerprints and other criminal

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identification data.

Considerable knowledge of modern office practices and procedures and skill in their application. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, employees of other agencies, and the general public.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Currently employed by the City.

Completion of an approved course in Police identification techniques (ie, FBI 80 hours basic and advanced finger printing or Institute of Applied Science Crime Scene Investigations) and 18 months full-time paid experience performing the duties of an Identification Technician.

Possess a current valid Florida Drivers License and maintain without any restrictions affecting job performance. Shift work, including nights, weekends, and holidays.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of the telephone and personal contact. Physical capability to effectively use and operate various items of office related equipment, such as, but not limited to, word processor, calculator, copier, and fax machine. No significant standing, walking, moving, carrying, handling, reaching, pushing, pulling; some climbing, bending, kneeling, crawling, sitting, and standing.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

General and specific assignments are received and work is performed with latitude for the use of independent judgment in the selection of work methods and procedures and is subject to qualitative and quantitative review as well as review for compliance with departmental policies.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Usually none.

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